



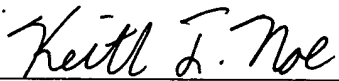
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith in connection with the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

- [X] Information Disclosure Statement (3 pgs.);
- [X] PTO Form 1449 (in duplicate - 1 pg.);
- [X] References Cited (A11-A12, B1 and C1); and
- [X] Check No. 2339 in the amount of \$180.00 for IDS filing fee; and
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50/2762; Ref. No. M2010-700019. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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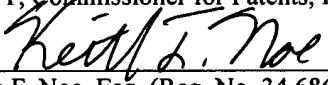
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311 and is being filed on or before payment of an Issue Fee. The Applicants hereby state, as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart for this application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The IDS processing fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report from a corresponding International or Foreign National Application.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

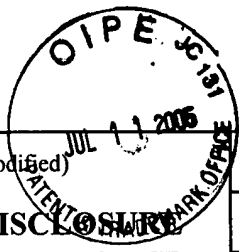
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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Examiner's Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication or of issue of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code		
	A11	*2002/0148374	A1	Peckham et al.	10/17/2002
	A12	*2003/0178048	A1	Honkala et al.	09/25/2003
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	B1	EP	0 956 952	B1	Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd	11/17/1999	N
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OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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	C1	International Search Report for PCT/US2005/004658 mailed June 20, 2005.	N
	C2		
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